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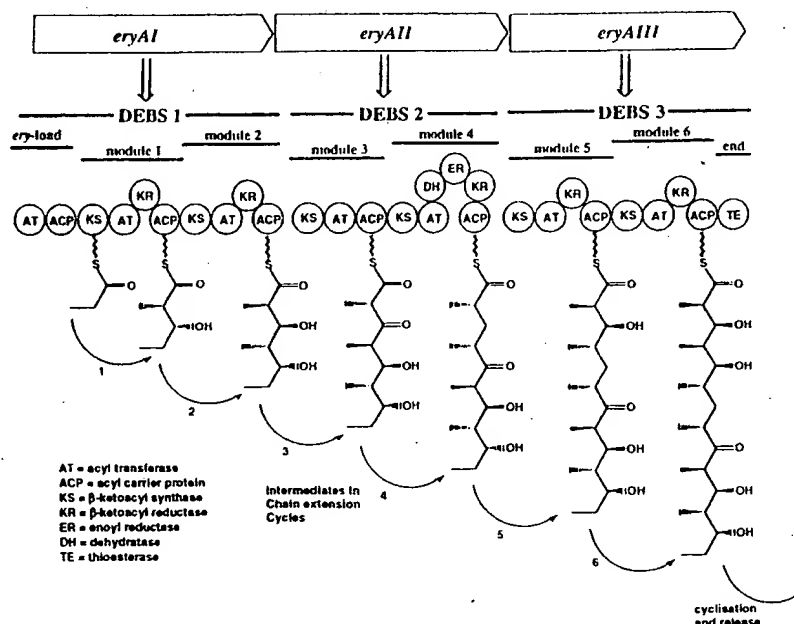
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(57) Abstract

A hybrid type I polyketide synthase gene typically containing a starter module and a plurality of heterologous extender modules is used to synthesise novel polyketides. It is preferably under the control of a type II polypolyketide synthase promoter e.g. act I of *S. coelicolor*.